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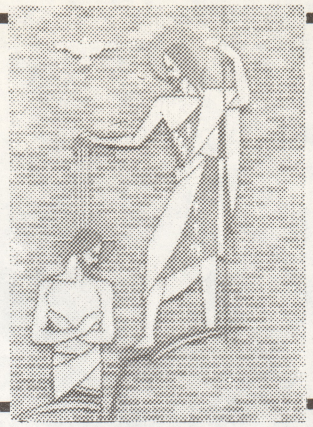


Just A Word ...

by Fr. Harvey

An Idea Grew

Some 156 years ago, a young Frenchwoman, moved by stories of the plight of poverty-stricken Missionaries, was further moved to "do something great for God."

Gathering the poor women of her father's factory into groups of ten, Pauline Jaricot pledged them to daily prayer and weekly sacrifice of a penny for the Missions. From such a tiny seed has grown the now worldwide Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Its aims today are the same as then ... to support the Mission Church throughout the world by prayer and sacrifice.

Throughout world next weekend, Catholics will be invited to enlarge the young Frenchwoman's idea of doing something great for God by pledging their support on Mission Sunday.

It's an encouraging fact to realize that nearly 300 of Africa's Catholic Bishops today are native men. Our annual support of Mission Sunday has not only made possible the evangelization of Africa so that the Christian faith could be embraced but has made possible the growth of the African church through education, medical assistance and technology. Africa is only one example of what has been accomplished in the past - beginning with prayer and a few pennies.

Today, close to 900 Mission dioceses throughout the world are aided with basic "daily bread" assistance insuring the presence of Christ in His Church of the Missions. Priests, Sisters, Brothers and lay catechists are educated to be spiritual leaders, doctors, nurses and teachers, serving their people. The great humanizing and healing work of hospitals, schools, orphanages, old age homes and leprosaria help millions who turn to these serving arms of the Mission Church. Emergency assistance is likewise able to be provided in time of disaster.

During 1977, distribution of worldwide funds of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith were allocated as follows: 51% was sent to the Missions of Asia, Africa, the Americas and Oceania. 40% of each Mission Sunday gift remains in the Home Missions for areas where the Church is needy. 9% goes to the suffering people of the Church in the Near East.

It was St. Ignatius of Antioch (whose feastday we celebrate this coming Tuesday) who pleaded with the Christians of the late first and early second centuries as he journeyed to Rome for martyrdom, "Ask strength for me ... that I may not only be called a Christian, but also be discovered to be one." That could easily be the request which each of our 138,000 active missionaries speak to you and me as they spend their lives for God's "little ones." Can we answer them through our generous support of the Mission Sunday collection to be taken up next weekend?

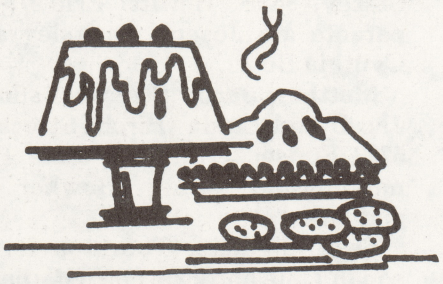
An "idea" is still growing.

To Come

Next week, I hope to be able to provide an update on our own "missionary," Steve Schimpp, as he prepares himself for 2 years of overseas work as an agriculture teacher, in connection with the Agape Movement.

Remember Please

This weekend, Fr. Doepker is serving as the Spiritual Director on the Team conducting a Diocesan Cursillo in Lansing. Our prayers are with the Team and those making the Cursillo. Following the Cursillo, Fr. Doepker will be with his family for a few days as his father undergoes surgery in Chicago. Please remember Mr. Doepker and the family in your daily intentions.



Bake Sale Today in Church Hall

St. John's Youth Group will be having a bake sale today in the church hall. Proceeds from this sale will be used to help paint and furnish rooms in the basement of the school that were given to them to use for meetings, studying, get togethers, etc. Members of the youth group will be selling the bake goods and would be glad to fill you in on some of their plans for these rooms. We hope many of you will stop down and take advantage of the opportunity to support your parish's youth group by buying a "home-baked" goodie.

Education Center Reminders

The second session for First Communicants and parents will be in the church hall Monday evening, October 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Parish Nuptial

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Kramer, Jr.

On Friday evening, October 6, 1978, Arthur W. Kramer, Jr. and Linda K. Miller solemnized their sacred covenant of holy marriage before Fr. Harvey during a Nuptial Mass celebrated in our church.

Thomas and Lois Kramer of Livonia were the main attendants. Mrs. Ruth Lorenz was the cantor for the Liturgy, accompanied by Mr. Melvin Light, organist.

The groom is a long time member of this parish. The bride made her solemn profession of faith in the Catholic Church just recently, September 28, 1978. She was confirmed on that day and shared her First Holy Communion on that day. Linda along with Art had participated in last year's Adult Instruction class.

As we congratulate Arthur and Linda, we extend a very special welcome to Linda. The newlyweds will be members of this parish.

Marriage Encounter

This is a limited space available at the Marriage Encounter weekend to be held right here at St. John's on October 20-22. You and your spouse will find this a rewarding and enriching experience.

Please call Ed and Sheila Dornan at 434-3196 for information about this or other upcoming weekends.

New Life in Baptism

On Friday, October 6, 1978, **Christopher Alexander Augustin** received new life in Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism administered by Fr. Doepker. Christopher is the son of Kurt and Cecille (Cordero) Augustin of Farmington Hills. The sponsors were John Augustin and Gladys Cortes.

On Sunday, October 8, 1978, **David John Becker** was made one with Christ through Baptism at the 9:00 Mass celebrated by Fr. Doepker. David's parents are Dennis and Carole (Emmons) Becker, 2907 Logan Court, Ann Arbor. His godparents are Robert and Jane Sira.

On Sunday, October 8, 1978 five infants were welcomed into the Christian community through the Sacrament of Baptism at the 12:30 Mass celebrated by Fr. Doepker.

Hans Thomas Silvennoinen, son of Hannu and Sally (Schuch) Silvennoinen, 112 W. Jefferson, Ann Arbor, has Arno Silvennoinen and Janice Whalen as godparents. Jeannette Schuch acted as proxy.

Eric James Stacey is the son of William and Kathy (Tanksley) Stacey, 85 S. Hewitt. Eric's godparents are Joseph Tanksley and Cynthia Butts.

Matthew Jacob Strecker, son of Jacob and Linda (Birch) Strecker, 5737 Sunset Trail, has Jude Patnaude and Janet Bowker as godparents.

Sean Gladieux Thornton is the son of Dale and Frazene (Gladieux) Thornton, 2459 Toanoke. Sean's sponsors are John and Sheila Guzdanski.

Timothy John Yezbick, son of Gary and Denise (Lussier) Yezbick, 1515 Ridge Road, has Howard and Janet Distelzweig as godparents.

On Tuesday, October 10, 1978, **Nathaniel Stephen Lussier** was welcomed into St. John's community by Fr. Doepker, who supplied the ceremonies of Holy Baptism which took place at Mott Children's Hospital on September 18, 1976. Nathaniel is the son of Anthony and Catherine (Straub) Lussier, 1368 Elmwood. His godparents are George and Kathleen Heufelder.

Welcome to all these new Christians! Congratulations parents and godparents! May the Lord continue to bless you and give you life.

An Apology

On Sunday, September 24th, after the children's Mass, some boys and girls told me that they would like to volunteer to be altar boys and baby sitters. I (stupidly) wrote their names on the only thing available - a Dunkin' Donuts box! It was mistakenly thrown away, so the names were lost.

If you are one of those who volunteered at that time, please call the rectory (483-3360) and leave your name and telephone number.

Father Doepker

Saint Mary's Chapel

331 Thompson Street
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104

There will be a liturgy and meeting for divorced Catholics in the lower chapel at 7:30 p.m. on October 24 th.

St. John's Bingo
Wednesdays
Doors Open 6:30 p.m.

Hey, Hey, Disco Away!

St. John's Catholic Church
410 W. Cross Street
Church Hall
Disco Dancing with Karma
Saturday, November 11, 1978
9:00 p.m. - 12 m

Beer and Setups furnished. $5.00 per person (at the door) Disco Instructions 7 p.m.-8 p.m. Included in the $5.00.

St. Vincent de Paul Hot Breakfasts to Continue

On Sunday, October 29th, the fifth Sunday of the month, the regular 5th Sunday Hot Breakfast will be served after the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses. The Executive Committee wishes to continue with scrambled eggs, sausage, hash browns, roll and juice/coffee. The price for the meal is $2.00 per plate per adult and $1.25 per plate per child. Donations will be accepted toward small children who may want just one of the items and we will leave this to the parent's discretion.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Hayes will continue to be the main chefs.

The proceeds of the breakfasts are donated to the St. Vincent de Paul works of our parish committee. In the past, the breakfasts have given us good revenue. It gives you a chance to donate and us a chance to see that you get a good breakfast at the same time.

We hope that you will mark this first of the hot breakfasts on your calendar and plan to attend with your family.

Registration Address Change

Name_____

Address_____

City_____

☐ Wish to register
☐ Change of Address
☐ Moving from Parish

New Address will be:

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Intercessory Prayer

We call upon you, God, for you will answer us; bend your ear and hear our prayer:
The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
Besides restful waters he leads me: he refreshes my soul.
He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.
Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side.
With your rod and your staff that give me courage.
You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes;
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Only goodness and kindness follow me all the day of my life.
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

This is our desire, our hope: to dwell in your house forever. All honor and praise are yours Lord Jesus. Today, we pray to you Lord, for the sick of our parish. Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of St. John's Community and for all who are in need. Amid mental and physical suffering may they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits. May these brothers and sisters find lasting health and deliverance and join us in thanking you for all your gifts. Thank you Lord Jesus for healing those who believe in you.

We pray to you Lord for many successful endeavors; the Bike-a-Thon, the needs of Baby-sitting, Coffee and Donuts, the Senior Citizens' Meeting.

We pray also for enlightenment through the Scripture Class soon to begin and the High School Workshops this weekend.

Lord, bless our 14 newly registered parishioners; may they find true community in St. John Parish.

And may the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of us now and forever.

Blessed Be God Forever
David Rocha

Worship Commission News

Sister Marilyn

A sincere **thank you** to all who made the special effort to go to Holy Trinity seminar on October 3 or 4. From the feedback of those who attended, the session was needed, thought provoking and informative. Of the 110 people who were present for the workshop approximately 50 were from St. John's. We are very happy with the response especially since those who attended felt it as **one** evening **well spent.**

Notices

Lector/Commentator Workshop for all **new** members, Monday, October 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the church

Worship Commission Meeting, Monday October 23 at 7:30 p.m.

Seamstresses Meeting on Thursday, October 19 at 7:00 at Kay Nav's (483-8928).

Banner Committee Meeting on Thursday, October 19 at 8:00 p.m. in the Church Rectory

Handbell Choir Rehearsal Saturday, October 21, at 10:00 a.m. in Rectory

Zoning

Are you wondering what zone you are involved in? If you have never been contacted by a Zone Leader and would like to know your zone please call Marie Tava at the rectory 483-3360.

Interfaith Council for Peace

Clergy and Laity concerned

Tom Shellabarger of Bread for the World in Detroit will speak Thursday, October 19 at the 1st Congregational Church in Ypsilanti, 214 N. Adams. There will be a film at 6, a vegetarian potluck at 6:30, andd Mr. Shellabarger's talk: "Hunger, Politics, and Local Organization" at 7:30.

Please bring your own table service and a vegetarian dish to pass. Child care will be provided. For information call Interfaith Council for Peace, 663-1870.

Christmas Bazaar Notes

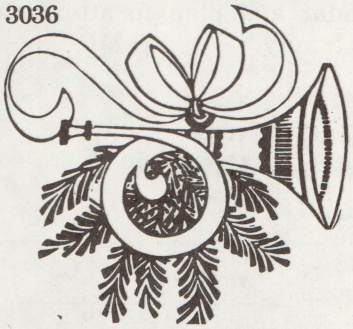
Bazaar Meeting

On Tuesday, October 24th at 7:30 p.m., there will be a meeting for managers and their assistants in the church hall. Please plan to attend, as it will be the **last meeting** before our Bazaar.

Bazaar Needs

Pine Cones! Pine Cones! Pine Cones!

Call Lynn Comazzi at 434-3036



St. John's Annual Country Christmas Bazaar

Plans are well under way. The dates are: **Saturday, November 4th from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sunday, November 5th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.**

Mark these dates on your calendars and plan to attend.

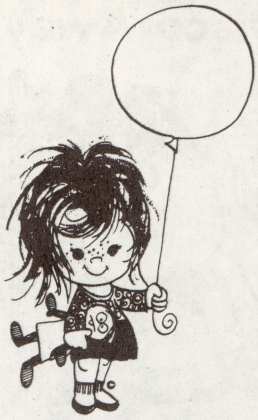
Also, if you are making any articles, please notify any of the managers or Mary Wheeler at 434-3159 or Myra Walters at 434-0102.

This Weekend

• **High School Workshop,** the first of 8 to be held throughout the year, will take place today, Sunday, October 15th at St. Francis Parish Hall. These workshops are designed especially for our working senior high students who are not taking part in other parish religious education programs, but all students are invited. The first workshop is entitled **The Pope, Hope and "Soap."**

• **Paper Drive** is being held on the parking lot for the benefit of the Washtenaw Area Catholic School Bus. If it is impossible to bring the papers to our lot, call 483-5735 or 483-6249 for pick up.

Please Note



Baby-Sitting Room

A schedule will be placed on the door to the baby-sitting room. The 11:00 Mass on the third Sunday does not have an adult sitter so there will be no baby-sitting during that Mass. The sitters will try to be in the room by 10 to 9/10 to 11. If the doors are not open when you arrive, please check schedule to know if it is a week when baby-sitting is offered.

Coffee and Donuts

The 11:00 Masses do not have enough offers of help which means we may have to double up the workers we have. In that instance, please listen to the announcement at Mass on whether Coffee and Donuts are being offered on a particular Sunday.

Needs

• St. John's Boy Scout Troop needs help. If you have a free night or a Saturday afternoon and would like to help us, please call Bob Gillman 482-3754.

• Catholic Social Services is looking for a volunteer for reception work ... typing is optional. Needed through December 22nd. Hours to be discussed. - Must be able to climb stairs to second floor, only stipulation - If the volunteer is over 60 and low-income, can be paid up to 20 hrs weekly. Call Diane Blumson at 484-1260 if interested.

Invitations

• **The next Turner Geriatric Clinic Workshop** to be held on **Tuesday, October 17th** at the Clinic, 1010 Wall Street, Ann Arbor. Speakers will discuss: Low Vision, Library Services, Rehabilitation, and Help in Your Home. Admission is free.

• **The City of Ypsilanti is currently operating a housing rehabilitation program for low and moderate income homeowners.** There are outright grants and/or 3% loans up to $5,000 for qualified **city residents** living in one of 4 designated target areas. If you think you may qualify to apply, call the city office at 483-1100 and ask for Ted Hauser, Community Development Director.

• **Roast Beef Dinner** - October 15, 1978 - 12:30-5:00 p.m. - St. Andrew Catholic Church, 910 Austin Road, Saline, Michigan. Adults $3.75, Children 6-12 - $1.75, 5 and under free.

New Club Formed

Senior Citizens met for the second month and have decided upon the name, **Leisure Club.** From now on, any information pertaining to the Senior Citizens activities will be entitled **Leisure Club,** so Seniors, be on the alert to your new name!

Readings For October 15th - 22nd

Sunday - Is. 25:6-10; Phil. 4:12-13, 19-20; Mt. 22:1-10

Monday - Gal. 4:22-24, 26-27, 31, 5:1; Luke 11:29-32

Tuesday - Gal. 4:31, 5:6; Luke 11:37-41

Wednesday - 2 Timothy 4:9-17; Luke 10:1-9

Thursday - Eph. 1:1-10; Luke 11:47-54

Friday - Eph. 1:11-14; Luke 12:1-7

Saturday - Eph. 1:15-23; Luke 12:8-12

Sunday - Is. 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thess. 1:1-5; Matt 22:15-21

Want Ad

Looking for woman, couple hours weekly. Light housework for someone who is ill. Call 485-2422 to make arrangements.

Mass Schedule

MONDAY, October 16 (Weekday)
(Only 7:00 a.m. Mass celebrated this week)
7:00 a.m. George J. Max, req. by Mrs. George Max

TUESDAY, October 17 (St. Ignatius of Antioch)
7:00 a.m. Bruce Schneider, req. by Mrs. Kathryn Metta

WEDNESDAY, October 18 (St. Luke, Evangelist)
7:00 a.m. John & Genevieve Nanry, req. by Joe & Shirley Nanry

THURSDAY, October 19 (Ss. Isaac Jogues, John de Brebeuf & Companions)
7:00 a.m. Margaret Wyese, req. by Mrs. A. Katona

FRIDAY, October 20 (Weekday)
7:00 a.m. Corrine Calmeyn (7 days Anniv.), req. by Pat & Diane Calmeyn
7:00 p.m. Wedding (at First Presbyterian) Michael Spisak & Kim Wilson

SATURDAY, October 21 (Weekday)
9:00 a.m. Evelyn Keyes, req. by Fred & Diane Keyes
11:00 a.m. Wedding (at St. Mary, Chelsea) Raymond L. Stoddard & Mary Ann Tompkins
5:00 p.m. (Vigil of Sunday) Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Chevalier (Anniv.) req. by Chevalier Family
6:30 p.m. Wedding James R. Fryske & Francine Wright

SUNDAY, October 22, 1978 (29th Sunday of the Year)
7:00 a.m. For Parishioners of St. John's, living and dead
9:00 a.m. William Wickering, req. by Iris & Family
11:00 a.m. Anna Popovich, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Kulback
12:30 p.m. Michael & Louise Cicirelli (25th Wedding Anniv.), req. by The Children

Wedding Banns

III - James A. Fryske & Francine Wright
I Ronald Trout & Pamela Blair
I Frederick Sanok & Lori Doby

Financial Barometer

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY: October 15, 1978

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